

HENRY's wisdom, his leadership and his wit. Chairman HYDE has led our International Relations Committee and the House Judiciary Committee, prior to his current chairmanship, with grace and fairness.

Vice President CHENEY summed up the essence of HENRY HYDE very well when he recently noted, as a committee chairman and in all of his dealings, HENRY HYDE has been the soul of fairness and balance. If you had any kind of trouble in your life, you would want someone like HENRY to plead your case, and you would want someone like HENRY to decide your case. He understands people. He knows that we live in an imperfect world, and he greets his fellow man with an openness, a generosity of spirit, and an easy manner that draws others to him.

HENRY is remarkable, not only for the formidable body of legislation that he has championed in his very long career, but also for the life of service and dedication that he continues to lead.

Born and raised in the Windy City, Chairman HYDE enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 18 and served with distinction during World War II, eventually rising to the rank of commander before his retirement from the Naval Reserve in 1968. He attended Duke and Notre Dame before coming to the town that would eventually become his second home, earning a bachelor's from Georgetown in 1947. It is not difficult to picture HENRY in his undergraduate years musing to himself, "I'll be back."

HENRY and Jeanne were married soon thereafter. Then they returned to the great State of Illinois, settling in Chicago. HENRY earned a law degree from Loyola in 1949. He started life in office in 1966, and has forged ever upward ever since, rising through the Illinois State House and becoming majority leader before his election to represent the Sixth District of Illinois in Congress in 1974.

In the 32 years since joining this House, HENRY has made an indelible mark on the history of this institution and on the consciousness of our Nation. The eloquence of his speech, the elegance of his bearing, and the eternity of his convictions have won him a place as one of our Nation's most treasured legislators. HENRY has been lauded in a great many ways, but writer David Horowitz memorably and accurately called him a Gibraltar of conviction, an avatar of grace.

September 11, 2001 was, as many have noted, a day that forever changed our destiny and our thinking. With his usual sense of clarity and his eloquence, HENRY HYDE assessed the grave threats we now face from extremists, noting on the 1-year anniversary of the attacks, "Our enemies have no aim except destruction, nothing to offer but a forced march back to a bleak and dismal past. Theirs is a world without light."

Indeed, HENRY has shed light on many of the important issues facing our Nation and, indeed, the world. His

stewardship of the Committee on International Relations has been one of principle and grace. He has sought to shed light on the furthest reach of earth, promoting democracy wherever it was absent, and promoting human rights wherever they were lacking. His efforts to fight AIDS around the world have inspired a generation of legislators on both sides of the aisle.

HENRY's endeavors in the domestic sphere have been no less ambitious. His efforts to protect life, to safeguard Old Glory, and defending victims of sexual abuse have greatly resounded with the American people.

How fortunate we are to have been blessed with the awesome presence of a man of such stunning conviction. Serving with Chairman HYDE has been a remarkable privilege. I could not have hoped for a more caring and able mentor or a friend of more steadfast loyalty and kindness. There is hardly a soul in this Chamber who has not been touched by his graceful leadership and his righteous conviction.

Mr. Speaker, we are grateful for the great example that HENRY HYDE represents to our Chamber, our Nation, and to the world. We are so grateful to HENRY HYDE for many decades of guidance and inspiration. It is difficult to express how much he will be missed by all of us.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 10 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PRICE of Georgia) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, always giving voice to prophets and strength to martyrs, in times of greatest need Your people have turned to You with greater persistence. In the most critical times, You did not bring their mere expressions of need to reality; instead, You took action Yourself to prove You live beyond their imagining and that You are the Lord of all the nations.

Look with mercy and fondness upon Your people today and this government by the people in the House of Representatives as we hear the words once spoken through Ezekiel as Your living word today:

"The nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when in their sight I prove my holiness through you."

Lord, show us what such holiness means for us in this era of history. Let us humble ourselves before You, that we may draw closer to You and learn how we can show Your holiness to the world.

Ever more attentive to the words of Your mouth and the breath of life You breathe within us, may we respond to Your holy inspirations, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. SNYDER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SNYDER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

"PRESS ONE FOR ENGLISH"

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, why must I press "1" on my phone for English? Why are voting ballots in numerous languages? Why are street signs in foreign language like Vietnamese? Why do we educate illegals in their native tongue? Why can't some clerks in stores or fast food restaurants speak English?

Mr. Speaker, one of the qualities that make a nation a nation is a common language. Our ancestors decided that the American national language would be English. German was the second choice. But, in our day, we don't want to hurt people's feelings that are not from around here, and we make the unwise choice to communicate with them in their language, not the American language.

If people come to America, they need, like the people before them, to learn to speak English. Failure to do so makes us not a nation but many nations within a nation.

The national language is English. Several national languages are divisive and detrimental and destructive of our culture and our civilization. Mr. Speaker, I am tired of pressing "1" for English.

And that's just the way it is.

THE BARBARIC PRACTICE OF GAME BIRD AND ILLEGAL DOG FIGHTING

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, for the last 5 years I have been working with a bipartisan group of my colleagues to make it illegal to continue the barbaric practice of game bird and illegal dog fighting.

Unfortunately, these practices continue because the purveyors of them have settled on the tactic of having minimal sanctions, not having meaningful penalties in our statutes. Unfortunately, this takes on new urgency because it is not just the fighting and the violence and the illegal betting and other criminal activities. We are now finding, for instance, that viruses like bird flu can be spread through this vile trade.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the House Republican leadership to stand up to the dark, shadowy forces that allow these evil practices to continue. Allow the bill that has been cosponsored, bipartisan, 324 cosponsors, to be voted on, on a suspension calendar. In fact, it won't even take the 40 minutes we normally allocate, because I am quite confident that we don't find any of the apologists for this barbaric trade who would be willing to stand up in public to defend what they protect in the back rooms of Congress.

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR LIFE ACT (H.R. 5740)

(Mrs. KELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge the passage of legislation that I am cosponsoring with the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE).

The Health Insurance for Life Act provides extended health care coverage to individuals and families who need COBRA when they are in between jobs or waiting for their health insurance to begin at a new job.

Suburban families like those living in the Hudson Valley in New York encounter a job change an average of seven times. Workers need assurances that their health insurance remains as transferable and uncomplicated as possible when job changes occur.

COBRA provides the safety net that parents and children need to maintain affordable health insurance, but under current law there are time limitations on how long families can use COBRA. H.R. 5740 removes COBRA's time limits and ensures that families in need of extended COBRA coverage cannot be charged unreasonable premiums.

This Congress must continue developing new ways to protect the underinsured and uninsured in New York and throughout our country. Passage of our bill ensures that time is on the side of families and children who rely on COBRA for their health insurance.

PROPERLY PREPARING OUR MILITARY

(Mr. SNYDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SNYDER. Personnel in our military, Mr. Speaker, must be properly equipped and trained in order to be ready for the unforeseen wars of the future. Even General Schoomaker, the Chief of Staff of the Army, though readiness levels are classified, has publicly expressed concern regarding the unacceptable readiness levels of our U.S.-based units. Not enough equipment, not enough money, not enough time for proper training for our wonderful troops.

We can do better, Mr. Speaker. America must do better so we can be the safe, secure country we want to be.

PRESERVING THE CIA PROGRAM

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this week we will consider legislation to authorize military tribunals for the prosecution of suspected terrorists and clarify Common Article 3 of the Geneva Convention.

Strenuous interrogation is vital in our efforts to win the global war on terrorism. The CIA program has produced intelligence that has saved countless lives. KSM, the mastermind of 9/11, was arrested as a result of information developed from the program.

The clarification of Common Article 3 will preserve the CIA interrogation program. As a JAG officer for 28 years, I support providing definitions. We do not want to leave our men and women vulnerable to prosecution under vague international law.

I commend Chairman DUNCAN HUNTER for reaching a good bargain with President Bush and the Senate. I look forward to voting in favor of the Military Commissions Act and advancing our efforts to win the global war on terrorism to protect American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

IT'S TIME THE DO-NOTHING CONGRESS ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Mr. CLEAVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, when I landed here in Washington, I received a phone call almost immediately from my brother-in-law in St. Louis who said somewhat jokingly, "I sure hope you will do something for America this week." And all I could think about was, "I do, too." Because, unfortunately, we are not doing much for America.

We should not leave this town this week without passing legislation to implement the 9/11 Commission's recommendations so we can make our Nation safer. Congress shouldn't leave without raising the minimum wage for

6.6 million Americans who haven't seen a raise in 9 years. We shouldn't leave without rolling back the \$12 billion in tax breaks that were showered on big oil companies last year.

The history books are not going to be kind to this Congress. With a 25 percent approval rating, it seems to me that one way to raise it would be to do something.

NATIONAL SEAFOOD MONTH

(Mr. BROWN of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in 1990, Congress designated October as National Seafood Month. This month-long celebration highlights the importance of seafood as part of a healthy diet. National Seafood Month also honors and celebrates the many contributions of the seafood and fishing industries and recognizes the multiple ways in which industry professionals serve our Nation's economy and continues to spur economic growth.

The First Congressional District of South Carolina, which I represent, has over 75 percent of the South Carolina coastline. Many of my constituents are hardworking shrimpers and fishermen, and I appreciate all the hard work to supply us with good quality seafood.

As the popularity of seafood continues to grow, National Seafood Month offers a unique way to remind consumers of the way the industry helps meet the needs in providing healthy and delicious seafood products year round. Creating a greater awareness among consumers is essential in the efforts to spread the positive message that seafood is a delicious and nutritious source of protein in the American diet.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring House Resolution 479 which supports the goals and ideals of National Seafood Month.

IRAQ

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the President says he looks to the generals on how to prosecute the war in Iraq. Yesterday, two generals from the Army and a Marine colonel who had all served in Iraq called for the resignation of the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Rumsfeld.

The President has repeatedly claimed he listens to the military. Well, General John Batiste told an oversight hearing that Rumsfeld and others in the Bush White House "did not tell the American people the truth for fear of losing support for the war in Iraq."

The generals have spoken, Mr. President. Your Defense Secretary misled us into combat with disastrous consequences. Rumsfeld has failed our soldiers and the American people. He just